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Prostate Second Leading Cancer in Men

(Salt Lake City, UT) – One out of every six men will get prostate cancer, second only to skin as the most common type of cancer among American men. The American Cancer Society estimates that in Utah more than 1,000 men will be diagnosed with Prostate cancer and another 140 will die from the disease in 2004. Nationally, 230,000 men are affected each year.

“Early detection of prostate cancer is very important for long-term survival rates,” says Jan Heins,” Coordinator, Utah Cancer Action Network (UCAN), Utah Department of Health (UDOH). The survival rate for prostate cancer has increased from 67 percent to 97 percent over the past 20 years according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Governor Olene S. Walker has designated September as Utah Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Many Utah health care providers are planning free prostate screenings throughout the month. To find out about the free screenings, call your health care provider or local hospital. You may also call the UDOH’s Health Resource line at 1-888-222-2542 for more information on prostate cancer and available screening opportunities or visit: <http://health.utah.gov/ucan/>.

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